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LOK SABHA

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HARIYALI YOJANA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has sanctioned Watershed Development Projects for some districts of Bihar in the year 2003-04 under the Hariyali Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the agency appointed/proposed to be appointed to execute the said scheme,

(d) the details of the action taken so far by the Government for the successful implementation of these projects; and

(e) the role of Gram Pradhan under the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.NARENDRA)

(a)&(b) During the year 2003-2004, nine IWDP projects to the districts of Saran, Purnea, Kishanganj, Vaishali, Siwan, Darbanga, Gaya, Munger & Nalanda were sanctioned for development of 45000 hectares of wastelands at a total cost of Rs.27.00 crores. An amount of Rs.371.25 lakh was released as first instalment of Central share towards the implementation of these projects. Under DPAP 60 projects were sanctioned.Out of which, 10 projects in Bhabua, 14 projects in Jamui,8 project in Madhubani, 18 projects in Nawadah, 4 projects in Rohtas & 6 projects in Sitamarhi were sanctioned for 30,000 hectares of wastelands at a total cost of Rs.18.00 crores. An amount of Rs.202.50 lakh was released as Central share towards the implementationof these projects.

(c) An Intermediate Panchayat may be the Project Implementing Agency (PIA) for all the projects sanctioned to a particular Block/Taluka. In case, these Panchayats are not adequately empowered, then the Zilla Parishad/DRDA may appoint a suitable Line Department like Agriculture, Forestry/Social Forestry, Soil Conservation etc.as PIA.

(d) The State Government has arranged various watershed training programmes for Panchayat Raj Institutions(PRIs) for different Zones of the State in consultation with the National Institute of Rural Development and various other linked State Institutes. On the initiative of the Government of India, State Government in November, 2004 organized two days work shop for the representatives of DRDAs and Project Implementing Agencies.

(e) At the field level, the Gram Panchayats shall implement the projects under the overall supervision and guidance of PIAs.